GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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RESERVATION OF SPORTSMEN
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made reservation for sportsmen in various Central Government Offices, departments and Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, the number of seats reserved in various Ministries/Departments/Offices/PSUs and norms/terms & conditions prescribed in this regard;

(c) the number of persons (sportsmen) given jobs during the last three years and number of vacancies yet to be filled;

(d) the reasons for not filling vacancies; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to encourage sportsmen by offering them Government jobs and attractive benefits ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the extant Government Instructions, 5% vacancies can be filled up by the outstanding sportspersons in Groups `C` and `D` posts, in various Ministries/Departments and Public Sector undertakings of the Central Government by relaxing the recruitment procedure, through advertisement in various dailies, from time to time. Following are the eligibility conditions for the recruitment of sportspersons:

(a) Appointments under these orders can be made of a sportsman considered meritorious with reference to the following criteria :-

(i) Sportsmen, who have represented a State or the Country in the National or International competition in any of the games/sports.

(ii) Sportsmen, who have represented their University in the Inter-University Tournaments conducted by the Inter-University Sports Board.

(iii) Sportsmen, who have represented the State Schools Teams in the National Sports/Games for Schools conducted by the All India School Games Federation.

(iv) Sportsmen, who have been awarded National Awards in Physical Efficiency under the National Physical Efficiency Drive.

(b) No such appointments can be made unless, the candidate is, in all respects, eligible for appointment to the post, applied for, and in particular, in regard to age, educational or experience, qualification, prescribed under the Recruitment Rules, applicable to the post, except to the extent to which relaxations thereof, have been permitted in respect of class, category of persons to which the applicant belongs.

(c) & (d) The Ministry does not maintain any records of the number of sports persons given jobs or vacancies to be filled in various Ministries / Departments and Government undertakings..

(e) Besides providing 5% reservation in Group `C` and `D` posts in Government Jobs, Government is alsoimplementing the following schemes with a view to encouraging the sportspersons:

(A) Awards Schemes

(i) Special Awards to Winners in International Sports Events and Their Coaches

(ii) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award

(iii) Dhayanchand Award for life-time Achievement

(iv) Arjuna Award

(B) Pension Schemes

(i) National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons

(ii) Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons